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Docket No. MARLO-101 (24625.01)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Mark R. Wilkinson  
Serial No. : 10/055,542  
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For : SHAFT SEALING SYSTEM FOR A ROTARY MECHANICAL  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant respectfully submits herewith citations of which he is aware, which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.55 and 1.56.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

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A PTO Form PTO/SB/08A identifying the citations together with one copy of each is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

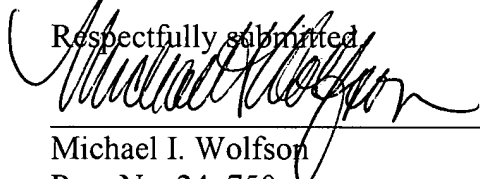
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no fee is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the application at an early date with a view to issue a favorable action. If upon review, the Examiner is unable to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney with a view towards restoring any outstanding issue.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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